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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE SOVIET SUGGESTION, IN THEIR DRAFT PROGRAM, THAT LIBRARIANS BE INCLUDED IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT IN ARTS PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE COUNTER TO THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO AGREE TO A NEW PARAGRAPH ON A SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF LIBRARIANS IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH AN EXCHANGE WILL BE USEFUL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TYPE OF LIBRARIAN EXCHANGE WOULD BE USEFUL. SHOULD IT INVOLVE AS PARTICIPANTS GRADUATE STUDENTS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE, OR LIBRARIANS WHO WOULD WORK IN HOST COUNTRY LIBRARIES? THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PROPOSE LANGUAGE FOR A CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM.

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2. IN REFTEL WE NOTED THAT SERIOUS QUESTIONS ARE BEING

RAISED ON THE VALUE OF THE RUSSIAN PREPARATORY LANGUAGE
TRAINING GIVEN TO OUR IREX'ERS ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE
SOVIET UNION. IREX ITSELF HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT THEY
SHARE THIS CONCERN. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE TO SUGGEST AT THE

NEGOTIATING TABLE THAT PROVISION BE MADE FOR AN ANNUAL
REVIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS. SUCH A PROVISION WILL PERHAPS
PROMPT THE SOVIETS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROGRAM, AND, IF THEY
DO NOT DO SO, WILL ALLOW US TO DISCONTINUE OUR PROGRAM FOR
THE SOVIETS, THUS ELIMINATING THE APPARENTLY ONE-SIDED
BENEFIT TO THE SOVIETS. ROBINSON

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